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PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if one name is listed below) or one of the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter (if plural names are listed below) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Method & Apparatus for Preventing Cracking at the*, the specification of which is filed herewith OR was filed on _____ and has been assigned Serial No. _____.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the Claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application (s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in PART B on page two hereof, and have also identified inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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